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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 220  
By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor 1997 Anderson County High School  
Valedictorian Timothy Kevin Braden on his  
numerous accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly specially recognize those exceptional individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their exemplary academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Kevin Braden is one of Tennessee's best and brightest young citizens, an outstanding student who has distinguished himself as the valedictorian of the 1997 graduating class at Anderson County High School in Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Tim was also given the rare honor of being invited to attend the prestigious National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts during his Senior year; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and an untiring commitment of time and talent, he has achieved extraordinary academic success, thus joining the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation and serving as an excellent role model; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, Tim has earned an enviable 3.9524 Standard Grade Point Average and a 4.0952 cumulative Grade Point Average; and

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WHEREAS, his meritorious S.A.T. composite score was 1,220; 660 in Math and 560 in Verbal; and

WHEREAS, his honors classes include: English (English I and II), Science (Biology I and II, and Chemistry), Math (Algebra I and II, and Pre-Calculus); and History (World History); and

WHEREAS, Advanced Placement Classes he has taken include: English (English III and IV), History (United States History), and Math (Calculus); and

WHEREAS, Tim served admirably as a member of the second place Creative Problem Solving Team at the Health Occupations Students of America Regional competition during his Senior year; and

WHEREAS, a popular and highly regarded student, he was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* during his sophomore and junior years; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded student-athlete, Tim was selected Captain of the boy's cross-country team in 1996, chosen Captain of the boys' track and field team his junior year, twice broke the school record in the 800 meter run during his junior year, broke a school record for the 5,000 meter run during his senior year, and was named Most Outstanding Distance Runner in both his sophomore and junior years; and

WHEREAS, a true representative of the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, he has generously lent his time and expertise as a volunteer in the Oak Ridge Methodist Center Emergency Room, and with the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl-A-Thon, he has also initiated a "Campus Cleanup", participated in Toys for Tots, and served as a committee member in the very successful Food Drive for the Needy campaign; and

WHEREAS, his strong and abiding faith is evinced by his active membership in the Clinch River Baptist Church, where he has participated in the Vacation Bible School and assisted in church group projects such as roofing for the needy; and

WHEREAS, Tim's display of intellectual ability and inner drive bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy accomplishments are a source of tremendous pride for his parents, Loretta and Benny Braden, his school and his community; and

WHEREAS, Tim's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Tim Braden on his many impressive accomplishments, including his distinction as Valedictorian of the 1997 graduating class at Anderson County High School, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.